

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action. Claims 1-4, 7-17, 20, 23-30, 32-35, 38-41, 43, and 44 are pending in the Application. The Advisory Action rejects Claims 17, 20, 23-30, 32-35, 38-41, 43 and 44. Applicants have cancelled Claims 17, 20, 23-30, 32-35, 38-41, 43 and 44. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

Allowed Subject Matter:

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-4 and 7-16 are allowed.

Rejections Under Section 103:

Claims 17, 20, 23-30, 32-35, 38-41, 43, and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,532,215 to Muntz ("*Muntz*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,909,781 to Itri ("*Itri*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants have cancelled Claims 17, 20, 23-30, 32-35, 38-41, 43, and 44, rendering the rejections moot. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

CONCLUSION

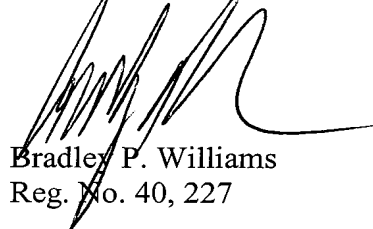
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

Applicants believe no fees are due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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